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CORPORATISATION OF POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts has formulated any new agenda in its operations to raise productivity at lower costs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any MoU has been signed with LaPoste of France and Emirates Post in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for corporatisation of postal services in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKADAR)

(a) & (b): The Department has taken the following initiatives in its operations to raise productivity at lower costs:-

I. Additional revenue generation through diversification of products and services through introduction of services which are relevant for customers including non traditional services.

II. Introduction of technology for greater management efficiency.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. MoU`s have been signed with LaPoste of France and Emirates Post. The MoU with LaPoste covers areas like upgradation of Postal equipment, development of electronics data interchange, improving quality of International Mail Services between the two countries, development of philately, and exchange between two countries relating to products with high added value.

The MoU with Emirates Post covers areas like joint marketing of EMS and Express Parcel Post, establishment of a hub for posta mails emanating from India and meant for Gulf countries, establishment of a hub in India for all postal mails including those emanating from UAE for India, information technology, e-Post and money transmission from UAE to India.

(e) There is no proposal at present for corporatization of postal services in the country.